Acute shortage of electricity in Bihar

1131. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

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Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of electricity in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of power projects of Bihar are pending for clearance with the Central Government if so, what are the reasons for delay in their clearance;

(c) what are the details of such projects and their date of receipt by the Central Government; and

(d) by when Government propose to clear each of these projects of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) (a) During the period April-October, 1991, the energy shortage in Bihar was of the order of 31.8 per cent.

(b) and (c) The details are given below:-

Name of project	Capacity	Present Status
1. Patrutu Extn. (T) (Stag - V)	2×210 =420	Fuel linkage, associated transmission system clearance from environmental angle and Civil Aviation authorities and water availability are to be tied up by project authorities. Provisions of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, are also to be complied with.
2. Muzaffarpur (T) Extn. (Stage-II)	2x210=420 2x250=500	Fuel linkage, associated transmission system, clearance from environmental angle are to be tied up by projects authorities. The *prima facie* feasibility of the scheme was found to be acceptable. State was informed accordingly on 8-8-91 and were asked to send to CEA the DPR with updated estimates.
3. Chandil (T) (M/s. RPG Enterprises)	2x250=500	Fuel linkage, associated transmission system, clearance from environmental angle and Civil Aviation authorities and water availability are to be tied up by project authorities. Provisions of Section 29 and Section 44 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, are to be complied with.

(d) All effects are made by the Central Electricity Authority to accord techno-economic clearance to the proposals received from the State Government as expeditiously as possible. After the projects are techno economically cleared by CEA, these are processed in Planning Commission for investment approval.

Power Plant at Dholpur Rajasthan

1132. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India have expressed concern over location of proposed power plant at Dholpur in Rajasthan, which may affect Taj and aggravate the problem already created by Mathura Refinery; and

(b) what is the quantum of pollution likely to be generated daily at Dholpur and whether Government would develop technology for hydel power projects to avoid mass pollution?